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
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, which was filed on May 18, 2005, along with an Information Disclosure Statement. It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be considered by the Examiner.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.